

Torture Reports Lies -- Fonda

BURBANK — (AP) — Academy Award winning actress and antiwar activist Jane Fonda says that former U.S. prisoners of war who reported that they were tortured by the North Vietnamese are “hypocrites and liars.”

“History will judge them severely,” Miss Fonda said in a TV interview.

Several of the returning prisoners were sharply critical of Miss Fonda and other Americans who visited Hanoi in connection with the antiwar movement.

The actress said “the condition of the returning prisoners should speak for itself

to prove the men have not been tortured.

“I think that one of the only ways that we are going to redeem ourselves as a country for what we have done there is not to hail the pilots as heroes, because they are hypocrites and liars.”

Miss Fonda said the returned POWs who told of tortures “are exaggerating . . . probably for their own self interest.”

In New York, Cora Weiss denied yesterday a former POW's charge that a peace group she headed sent mail only to prisoners whose families cooperated with the an-

tiwar organization.

Mrs. Weiss, who was co-chairman of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, said the committee “scrupulously refrained at all times from accepting or declining mail on the basis of the political beliefs or activities of the families.”

Navy Capt. James A. Muligan, a former prisoner, said in a television interview Friday in Portsmouth, Va., that prisoners with relatives active in the committee's antiwar activities “got mail all the time,” while others did not.